

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

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In re:	:	
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THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND	:	PROMESA
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,	:	Title III
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as representative of	:	Case No. 17-BK-3283 (LTS)
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	(Jointly Administered)
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Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	:	
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**DECLARATION OF CAROL FLATON IN SUPPORT OF FIRST INTERIM FEE  
APPLICATION OF ZOLFO COOPER, LLC, AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO OFFICIAL  
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR PERIOD FROM JUNE 27, 2017 THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Pursuant to Rule 2014(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), I, Carol Flaton, declare that the following is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am a managing director of the firm Zolfo Cooper, LLC (“Zolfo Cooper”), a New Jersey limited liability company. I make this Declaration in support of the *First Interim Application of Zolfo Cooper, LLC, Financial Advisor to Official Committee of Unsecured*

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these title III cases, along with each Debtor’s respective title III case number listed as a bankruptcy case number due to software limitations and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481), (ii) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566(LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686), (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808), (iv) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284 (LTS)) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747).

*Creditors, for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period from June 27, 2017 through September 30, 2017 (the “Application”).<sup>2</sup>*

2. The facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, discussions with other Zolfo Cooper professionals, and the firm’s client/matter records that were reviewed by me or Zolfo Cooper professionals acting under my supervision and direction.

3. I hereby certify that I have read the Application and, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, (a) the compensation and reimbursement of expenses sought in the Application conform with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, and the Local Rules (collectively, the “Guidelines”), and (b) the compensation and reimbursement of expenses are billed at rates no less favorable to the Debtors than those customarily employed by Zolfo Cooper generally.


4. ZC has agreed to reduce its fees by an amount equal to 20% of the total fees sought to be paid in connection with ZC's final fee application, with the precise fees to be waived to attain the 20% reduction to be designated by ZC (in its sole discretion) in connection with the final fee application process. For that reason, ZC is only seeking payment of 80% of its unpaid fees (but allowance of 100% of its fees).

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Application.

5. I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and after reasonable inquiry, the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 15th day of December, 2017

  
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Carol Flaton